

TOPIC Biala Podlaska Airfield

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1. Between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on 16 December 1952, 25 Po-2s and 2 single-engine fighters with in-line engines, single rudder assemblies and three-bladed propellers were parked in one row south of the hangar at Biala Podlaska (S 53/M 46) airfield. All planes bore the Polish national emblem. The Po-2s had white numbers under the national emblem on the rudder assembly and a white stripe about 10 cm wide at the rear edge of the rudder assembly. The Nos 1, 5, 6, and 8 were identified. At about 11 a.m., a Po-2 plane took off from the apron in front of the hangar toward the south while there was a westerly wind. The plane was airborne after about 200 meters, climbed to about 300 meters, turned to the east at an angle of 180 degrees, descended to about 3 meters above the ground south of the hangar, and then climbed again. This exercise was repeated about ten times. Three additional Po-2s conducted the same exercise. All planes landed between the hangar and the runway at about noon and subsequently taxied to the parking area near the hangar. Between about 1 and 4 p.m. on 3 and 4 January 1953, no air activity was observed at the field. On both days, about 30 Po-2s and 2 single-engine fighters were parked in one row south of the hangar. In the early morning of 18 and 28 December and in the evening on 26 December, no activity was observed at the field which was only scantily lighted.
2. Three fuel containers, each with a holding capacity of about 16,000 liters were stored in the sheds about 400 meters east of the hangar. The sheds were surrounded by a barbed wire fence and guarded by a sentry.
3. No construction work was observed at the field. Large excavation sites were seen southwest of the entrance to the field, and nearby there were several piles of bricks. No shipments were observed at the railroad station and the loading ramp was empty.

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Comment. Biala Podlaska airfield is still occupied by a Polish flying school.

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